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Final Action: MEC No. 18-0088-I, Representative Rob Vescovo, Friends of Rob Vescovo

Date: October 11, 2018

The Missouri Ethics Commission took final consideration of the complaint filed against Representative Rob Vescovo and Friends of Rob Vescovo at its October 11, 2018, meeting.

The complaint filed with the Commission alleged that Representative Vescovo used campaign funds for fuel, lodging, and meals while also receiving a general assembly daily per diem and mileage per diem.

Article III, Section 16 of the Missouri Constitution and Missouri statutes provide that members of the House shall receive daily expense and mileage allowances. In addition, §130.034.2, RSMo provides that campaign committee funds can be used for ordinary expenses related to candidacy, ordinary and necessary expenses incurred in relation with the duties of elective office, and expenses related to entertaining or providing social courtesies to constituents or other holders of elective office.

Representative Vescovo provided evidence that in addition to legislative per diem allowances, committee funds were used in relationship to his candidacy for office, duties as an incumbent State Representative for District 112, and the House Majority Leader.

From the facts presented, the Commission finds no reasonable grounds exist to support a violation of the Chapter 130, RSMo, and dismissed the complaint.

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